

**MR. LONG IN THE
LEAD AT PROVIDENCE.**

(To The Editor of the Courier-Journal.)

Permit me to correct an error that occurs in your Providence correspondent's account of the rescue work following the explosion of Mine No. 3 of the Providence Mining Company, published in the Courier-Journal of Sunday, the 27 instant, since, even though it be unintentional, it does injustice to Mr. Thomas O. Long, the inspector for the district in which the mine is situated. I refer to the following:

"Messages were sent to Earlington, Ky., and to Linton, Ind. The Assistant State Mine Inspector at Earlington hurried to the scene of the disaster, but as the rescue apparatus at this station had not been completed, he was unable to aid in the rescue."

From the foregoing, coupled with the construction of the paragraph concerning the arrival of the "United States rescue car from Linton, in charge of A. A. Samms, State Mine Inspector of Indiana, and R. Y. Williams and John B. Shepherd, assistant mine inspectors," and the failure to note the presence of Assistant State Mine Inspectors Barr and Jones, of this office, one would conclude not only that Mr. Long rendered no aid, but that no other of the Kentucky inspectors took part in the work; the impression is made that all was done by the State Inspectors of Indiana (or, as elsewhere appears, "the Government rescuers").

The fact is not only did Mr. Long "aid in the rescue," but he had charge of it from start to finish. He led the first party that entered the mines in search of the men underground. His own apparatus was not available at first hence he used a helmet supplied from the equipment that was brought from Linton—though had the car been about thirty minutes later in reaching Providence he would have been using his own apparatus.

Mr. Long hurried to the mines after receiving word of the explosion Friday afternoon and at once took up the work of rescue. He found both of the working compartments of the shaft clogged up with wreckage, and the ventilating fan out of commission in consequence of damage done to its housing. He promptly and ingeniously repaired the fan by use of heavy canvas or "brattice cloth," put the fan to work and had ventilation restored by about 1:30 that night. This was the first thing to be done, even had there been an abundance of rescue apparatus on the ground. Had there been such apparatus available, however, Mr. Long could and would have entered the mine without waiting for the restoration of ventilation, though, as investigation proved, no lives could have been saved.

Mr. Long did not take his set of rescue apparatus with him because the company from which it had been purchased had not made delivery complete, which includes the assembling and testing of the various parts. The helmets are of a new and improved type, with which Mr. Long was not familiar (though quite familiar with the older one), hence he could not safely undertake to assemble the parts himself: any error in assembling and any failure to detect a defect, however slight is to serious a

matter for one to take risks in. The apparatus was sent to the mine, however, and Assistant Inspector Barr, who is familiar with the new type, was sent from the Lexington office to put it in working order and assist in the rescue work; he left Lexington within less than two hours after the explosion and arrived at Providence within 30 minutes after the arrival of the rescue car from Linton; he could have had a helmet ready within very few minutes.

Assistant Inspector Jones, in charge of the Central City district, was also sent to the mine with his set of apparatus. He also took part in the work, though it proved that his apparatus was not needed. The writer remained in Lexington, with apparatus packed, ready to take additional equipment should it be needed. He was kept in touch of the situation at the mine as the work progressed.

In addition to the Kentucky inspectors and several selected volunteers from near by, Mr. Long had the assistance of the gentlemen already named as coming with the rescue car. The latter gentlemen, however, are not Indiana "State Inspectors," but are members of the rescue station service of the United States Bureau of Mines, attached to the Evansville station—and Mr. Williams is not a subordinate at the station, but quite the reverse.

There seems to be a misconception on the part of many of the officials status of representatives of the United States Bureau of Mines when they respond to calls for aid in case of mine accidents. They do not undertake to assume charge of the rescue work at any mine where there are State Inspectors, and the level-headed ones do not assume an air of superior intelligence simply because they have an "Oxygen helmet," while the State Inspectors may not; their sole purpose is to render aid to the State officials if he needs it, and at the same time gather information concerning the accident. This office is on the most cordial terms with the United States Bureau of Mines, knows the actual benefits of the mining industry that, under wide administration, may be derived from its creation, honors and believes in the present head of the Bureau, and it appreciates the prompt attention given by the Evansville station to the call from Providence.

I have made this statement not only because I feel it due Mr. Long, who did his work well, but because I deem it desirable,

in behalf of the Mining Co., and of the State Service, that there shall be no misunderstandings as to the relative positions of the State Inspectors and the representatives of the Federal Bureau in cases of rescue work at our mines.

C. J. NORWOOD,
Chief Inspector of Mines, Etc.
Lexington, Ky., Nov. 28

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**WENDLING'S ATTORNEYS TO
ASK FOR A NEW TRIAL.****Will Base It on Disqualification of
One of the Jurors.**

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 4.—Attorneys for Joseph Wendling, convicted Saturday night for the murder of eight-year-old Alma Kellner and sentenced to life imprisonment will file probably tomorrow a formal motion for a new trial.

The motion for a rehearing will be based on affidavits already on file, which state that Juror Richard Jennings had formed and expressed an opinion as to Wendling's guilt.

These affidavits were filed during the progress of the trial by Wendling's attorneys in an effort to disqualify the jury.

Judge Gregory, however, ordered the trial to proceed.

Wendling spent a quiet Sunday at the jail. His only statement was made when the verdict was announced Saturday night.

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**August Belmont Claims He Has Been
Persecuted.**

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**INSTANTLY KILLED
WHILE HUNTING**

Jack Riddle, a Fifteen-Year-Old Boy of
Madisonville, Accidentally Shoots
Himself.

**MOTHER IS PROSTRATED
WITH GRIEF.**

One of the saddest accidents that has happened in this community for some time was the accidental killing of Jack Riddle, a fifteen-year-old boy, while out hunting Saturday afternoon. As near as can be learned the facts are as follows:

The dead boy and two companions, Robert Browning and Lonie Graham, were out bird hunting Saturday on the Shum Graham farm near Madisonville. The boys hunted up to noon without getting any game and went to Mr. Graham's for dinner.

After dinner Young Riddle said to Graham's boy:

"I believe I will use your gun this afternoon and let you use mine; maybe I will have better luck."

The Graham boy agreed and the guns were exchanged. The gun used by Riddle in the morning was a hammerless and the one he used in the afternoon had hammers. This fact is probably the cause of his death.

After hunting all afternoon the boys were about ready to start home when they saw some ducks fly across the field and alight in a tree.

Riddle was very anxious to secure a bird for his little sister, who is ill with fever, and the three boys ran after the birds. In order to reach them they had to cross a wire fence and in getting through this fence Riddle, forgetting he was not hunting with his own gun, crawled between the wires and pulled his gun after him by the barrels.

Robert Browning and Lonie Graham were only a few feet ahead of him when they heard a muffled report and on looking back they saw Riddle fall to the ground.

They ran to him, pulled him by the arm, called to him and found he was dead, both barrels having torn away a portion of his head.

The boys then made their way to a neighbor's house and told what happened. The neighbor telephoned the sad news to Madisonville and Dr. J. D. Sory and Lonie Tapp hurried to the scene.

In the meantime Mr. Graham and Irv Dame had met Robert Browning and Lonie Graham and on learning the sad news went to the house, got blankets and quilts and wrapping the body in them, took it to Mr. Graham's house, where it was when Lonie Tapp and Dr. Sory arrived. The undertaking establishment of

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The Annual Election of Woodmen Officers.

The annual election of the officers of the Madisonville W. O. W. was held last night in the club rooms. A full attendance was present. R. R. Vickers was elected to the highest office, that of Council Commander, succeeded by Jesse Weldon. The other newly elected officers follow:

Ernest Watts, advisor lieutenant.
Banker, W. B. Bondurant.
Clerk, W. E. Wooten, re-elected.

Escort, Chas. L. Hibbs.
Watchman, K. D. Rodgers.
Manager, Leslie Hickman.
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I have accepted a position as Manager of the Branch office of the Semi-Weekly Bee and will be glad to have my friends call at Morton's Furniture Store. We expect to make the Bee the best and newsiest paper in Hopkins county and any news item, job work or advertising given me will have prompt attention. Any favors shown will be greatly appreciated both by myself and the management of the BEE.

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